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SALLY FORTH



THE AMAZING SPIDER-MAN



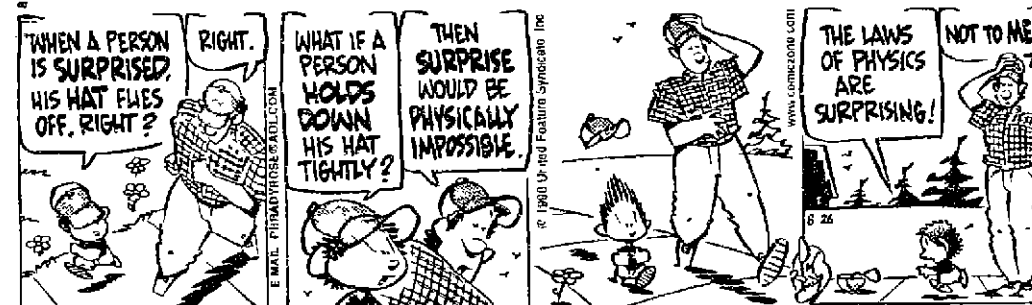
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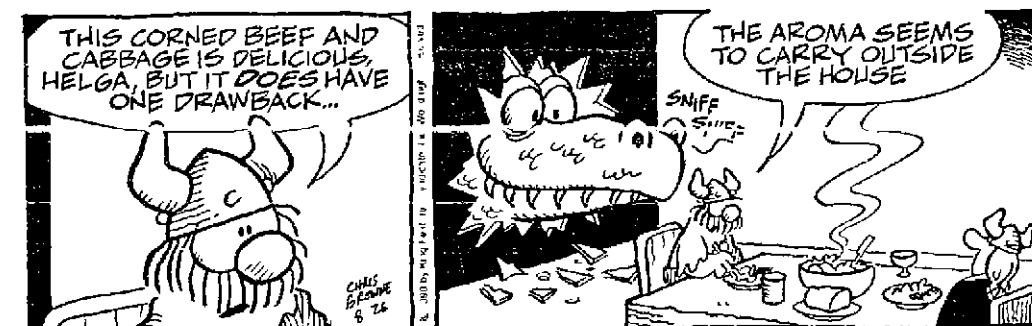
ANDY CAPP



ROSE IS ROSE



HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



MOTHER GOOSE AND GRIMM



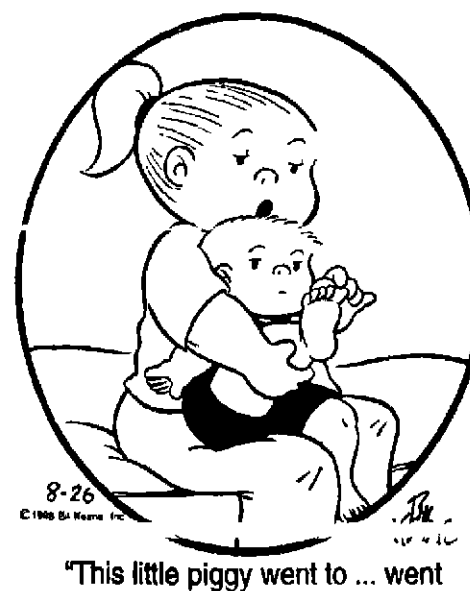
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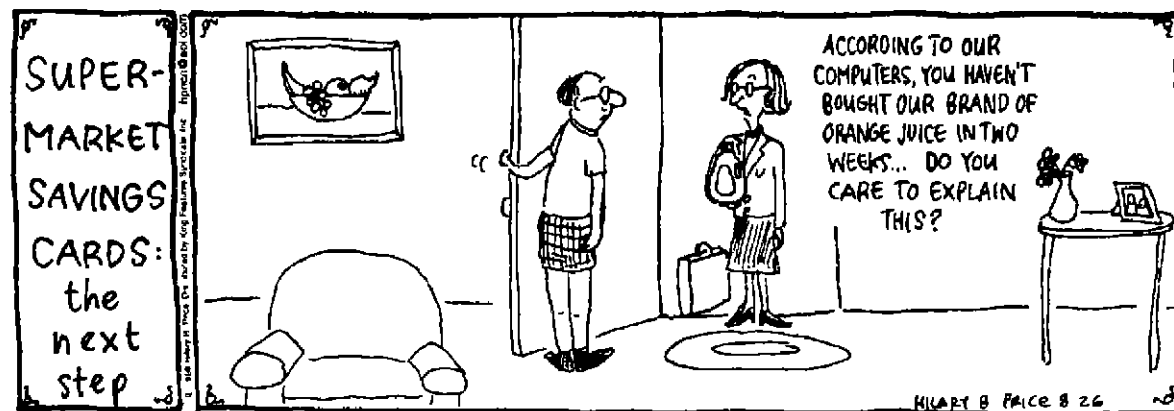
DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Former Washington Post Executive Editor Benjamin C. Bradlee is 77. Author Ben J. Watt-

mer Democratic vice presidential nominee Geraldine Ferraro is 63. Singer Vic Dana is 56. Singer Valerie Simpson is 50. Pop singer Bob Cowell is 49. Actor Michael Jeter is 46. Actor Brett Cullen is 42. Jazz musician Branford Marsalis is 38. Country musician Jimmy Olander (Diamond Rio) is 37. Actor Macaulay Culkin is 18.

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

Y S M L D E E
F T H H S R I
L D H U I S F
R I I O E T D

PAR SCORE 140-150
by JUDD

DIRECTIONS: Make a 2 to 7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get 50-point bonus. "Bonus" used as any letter have no point value. All Judd's words are in The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary (Merriam-Webster) and OSW Official Scrabble Words (Chambers). JUDD'S SOLUTION TOMORROW

FOUR RACK TOTAL
TIME LIMIT: 20 MIN

For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Aug. 27, 1998

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't let emotions get the best of you in a conflict with a family member. Now is a good time for renewal.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A problem caused by a recent lapse of communication will soon be cleared up.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Sensible behavior and adequate nutrition will increase your productivity and safeguard your health.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Adventure is likely to arise in either business or love. Expect the unexpected.

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Take care not to offend someone with a casual comment. Keep your ego in check.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Your mood will be upbeat as you improve your little corner of the world.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Indulge your desire to be completely and utterly selfish. Others will be happy to see you rewarding yourself at long last.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) A fortuitous situation will allow you to gain great rewards from relatively little effort.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) The solution to an inner turmoil will come from an unexpected source.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) A stagnant project will be given a jolt by a fresh approach. Make sure to follow up your words with the appropriate action.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) If you feel stuck in an unfortunate rut, remember that it is never too late to start anew.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Should you feel a dreamy restlessness give in to temptation. All manner of delights will arise from letting yourself go with the flow.

WORD SLEUTH

Milk

N T Q N J G V C Z H W T Q N J
G D A X S U I R O L S J G D C
A X V S P L T N K I F E C A A
X V S Q O L A J Y H C L R E C
A X V T R P M R N H E T A F E
L J H F D B I U E S O T C A L
Y X V T R A N E I N P O I O O
M K I G D E S D B C I B S H H
Z X W U T E R Q O N L M W L W
J I G F D C M I K S T A O G A
Y X W V T S R D E N N A C P O

Tuesday's unlisted clue: ANCHOR

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: MILK BYPRODUCT

Bottle	Cows	Goats	Vitamins
Calcium	Dairy	Lactose	White
Canned	Fat	Minerals	Whole
Carton	Fresh	Skim	

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For solution, see Classified.

ACES ON BRIDGE

By Bobby Wolff

"I can't believe you miscounted trumps," gushed a surprised West. "Maybe partner's clever red-on-red discard led you astray." "Perhaps," smirked a self-satisfied South. Then he quickly claimed his impossible slam.

South's spade ace took the first trick, and South cashed the ace and king of trumps, hoping for a 2-2 split. On the second trump, East discarded a sneaky diamond instead of a spade. Sometimes, when one discards in a suit of the same color, an inattentive declarer might believe that all have followed suit. Without a flicker South abandoned trumps, cashing the king and ace of clubs and ruffing a club with his trump nine, west pounced on this "gift" with his trump 10, certain that South had overlooked East's discard.

West's victory proved to be a hollow one. With West's trump 10 out of the way, South took West's diamond-king exit with his ace and crossed to dummy's trump eight. Three diamonds went on dummy's long clubs, and South had his slam.

Without West's intemperate overruff, South would have had no legitimate way to win 12 tricks. Did South misread the true trump position? He wouldn't admit it, but the smart money is betting he hooked a fish. If he wasn't fooled by East's discard and wasn't trying to bait the hook, why didn't he draw the last trump and cash his diamond ace, hoping to drop an honor? And when no honor dropped, he could fall back on a club finesse, hoping for Q-x-x with West.

NORTH		EAST	
♠ 9	♠ K Q 7 6 4 3	♥ 7	♥ 7 5 4
♥ 8 4 2	♥ 3	♦ 7 5 4	♦ Q 10 4
♦ 8 6 3	♦ 4	♣ 6	
♣ A J 8 7 5 3			

Vulnerable Both
Dealer South

The bidding

South	West	North	East
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♥	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♥	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣	Pass
6♥	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Spade jack

N.Y. TIMES CROSSWORD

No. 0715

ACROSS

1 Stamp apparatus
6 Macbeth, for one
11 Grp. concerned with genealogy
14 Fencing action
15 Mirage, maybe
16 Do, so to speak
17 Maces?
19 How most goods must be ordered by mail
20 Ivan and Nicholas
21 Tom Jones's love, in "Tom Jones"
23 Milk dispenser
25 Grayish-tan
28 empty stomach

DOWN

29 Saharan
31 Be an A-one scout?
34 Doles (out)
36 What turns 19 into 21?
37 Office messages
40 Kind of shock
44 Spain's Princess
46 "The Divine Comedy" poet
47 Patrick Ewing and Walt Frazier?
52 Animated character
53 Clara, e.g., on "Bewitched"
54 Linguini for instance
56 It does blowups
57 Some guitars
60 Feature of many letters

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ESTOPS FROM ODD
RAHMAN OONA VIA
SHORTENED STREET
ELM CRIME AORTA
PART FOD
PARISIAN PROWOUN
SLASH AJAR CHU
YODA GASSY SCUT
CHA OLLA COURT
HARMFUL LIGHT TRAY

DOWN

1 Type
2 Resident of St. Mary's
3 Clever seamstresses?
4 Benedict
5 "Get clean" program
6 Alarm
7 "2001" computer
8 Tempe sch.
9 Penpoints
10 Classic gas brand
11 Nymph loved by Apollo
12 Ancient Rome's Way
13 Household pest
18 Schiepp

ACROSS

30 Picks up
32 Egyptian boy king
33 LSD
35 Liner material
38 Gymnast's goal
39 Fastener
41 Rope-tying exhibition?
43 Harrow's rival
45 Monthly check
46 Dr.'s org
47 Bomb sound
48 Subtlety
49 Map features

DOWN

50 Ancient Palestinian
51 Submachine gun
52 Lingo
53 E.R. helps
54 Tiff
55 Ingrid's role in "Casablanca"
56 Perón of Argentina
57 Like April weather
58 Nancy Drew's boyfriend
59 Not like April weather

Puzzle by Randall J. Hartman

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